

Public Chapter 214

SENATE BILL NO. 179

By Fowler, Leatherwood

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1105

By McAfee

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, relative to limitation of prosecutions for offenses committed against a child.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101(d), is amended by inserting the language "prior to July 1, 1997" between the words "committed against a child" and the words "that constitutes a criminal offense".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (f):

(f) Prosecutions for any offense committed against a child on or after July 1, 1997, that constitutes a criminal offense under the provisions of §§39-13-502--39-13-505, §39-13-522, §39-15-302 or §39-17-902 shall commence no later than the date the child attains the age of twenty-one (21); provided if the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) provide a longer period of time within which prosecution may be brought than this subsection, the applicable provision of subsection (a) or (b) shall prevail.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.